

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Jump, of Caroline, Carter, Giles, Boone, and Shower.

Mr. Jones presented a petition of sundry citizens of Somerset county, praying that the act of Assembly of 1836, chapter 211, may be repealed so far as relates to Somerset county;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Jones, Adams, Lemmon, and Carroll.

Mr. Berret presented a petition of sundry citizens of Carroll and Anne Arundel counties, praying a donation from the State to Springfield Academy in Carroll county,

Which was read and referred to the committee on education.

And Mr. Ghiselin presented a petition of James Kent, administrator of Joseph Kent, praying the passage of an act authorising him to bring into this State certain slaves now in the State of Arkansas,

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Ghiselin, Bowie and Hughes.

Mr. Huddleson obtained leave to bring in a bill, securing to the citizens of Maryland, the right of trial for debt under warrant, in the election district only, in which the party so sued may reside;

Ordered, that Messrs. Huddleson, Giles and Mann, report the same.

Mr. Giles obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, a supplement to the acts heretofore passed, for the preservation of wild fowl, in the waters of Harford and Baltimore counties;

Ordered, that Messrs. Giles, Risteau, Forwood, Orrick, and Williams, report the same.

Mr. Blocher obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to establish the Western Boundary Line between the States of Maryland and Virginia, as agreed upon at the adoption of the Constitution of the United States,

Ordered, that Messrs. Blocher, Alexander, Goldsborough, Williams, and Townsend, report the same.

On motion of Mr. Wilmer,

Ordered, that he have leave to withdraw from the files of the house, the petition of a number of citizens of Queen Ann's county, praying the aid of the State in the cultivation of Silk, presented at the last session of the legislature;

Mr. Risteau submitted the following preamble and order,

Whereas it is believed there are many persons dealing in the drug business, who are not competent judges of the nature, effects and quality of such articles; and whereas, a knowledge of chemistry is indispensibly necessary in the transactions of such business, and in consequence of a want of such knowledge, it is well known from experience and observation to many, that most disastrous and serious consequences have resulted in affecting the constitutions and even terminating in death, speedily thereby, frequently depriving families and society of useful and important members; and whereas, it appears proper and necessary that some-